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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Hideaki FUKUZAWA, et al.

SERIAL NO: 09/973,235

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FOR: MAGNETORESISTANCE EFFECT ELEMENT, MAGNETIC HEAD, MAGNETIC HEAD ASSEMBLY,
MAGNETIC STORAGE SYSTEM



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Transmitted herewith is a **Supplemental Preliminary Amendment** in the above-identified application.

- ☐ No additional fee is required
- ☐ Small entity status of this application under 37 C.F.R. §1.9 and §1.27 is claimed.
- ☒ Additional documents filed herewith: Marked-Up Copy

The Fee has been calculated as shown below:

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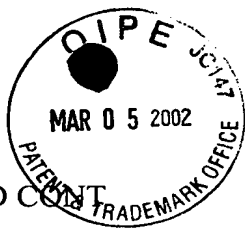
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SUPPLEMENTAL PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Prior to the examination on the merits, please amend this application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 1-28 and 34-36 without prejudice.

The following is a clean copy of Claims 29-33 with marked-up copies attached:

29. (Amended) A magnetoresistance effect element, comprising:

a magnetoresistance effect film including,

a nonmagnetic spacer layer, and

first and second ferromagnetic layers separated by the nonmagnetic spacer layer, a magnetization direction of the first ferromagnetic layer being at an angle relative to a magnetization direction of the second ferromagnetic layer at zero applied magnetic field, the second ferromagnetic layer comprising first and second

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